(b) As has been stated in part (a) (ii) above, revision of retention prices of every unit and product-wise is done during the pricing period and is notified under the retention price scheme. As such, the notifications are not statutory because it is not covered under any statutory scheme.

(c) Govt. has not come across any case wherein units that did not produce any SSP and also had no machinery, also received subsidy.

Atrocities on SC/ST in Andhra Pradesh

1098. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the cases of atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and registered in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the number of persons convicted and out of these how many were acquitted and the steps being taken in future?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The number of incidents of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Andhra Pradesh as now reported by the State Government during the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 is as given below:—

1987	1988	1989
432	707	817

(b) The information regarding the number of persons convicted and acquitted is not available. However, the information regarding the number of cases in which conviction was awarded and the number of cases ending in acquittal is as given below.—

	1987	1988	1989
No. of cases ending in conviction	26	19	9
No. of cases ending in acquittal	90	100	65

Government has enacted the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the State Government has been advised to specify exclusive Special Courts and Special Public Prosecutors for trying atrocity cases under the Act effectively with a view to securing conviction of persons perpetrating atrocities and awarding them deterrent punishments.

Increase in educated unemployed

1099. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a cinsiderable increase in the number of educated unemployed persons in the country and if so, the State-wise break up as on the 31st June, 1990;

(b) whether any new steps have been taken by Government to remove unemployment from the country; and

(c) the funds, if any, allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Available information relates to the educated persons (Matriculates and above) registered with the Employment Exchanges, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed. Their number increased from about 14 million in 1985 to 17.5 million in 1988. Similar information for June 1990 is not available. State-wise distribution of educated persons regis-